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Applicant: Bringwatt, W. et al.

Application No.: 10/527,620

Filing Date: 19 September 2005

Title: METHOD FOR THE DRYING OF  
LAUNDRY AND  
CORRESPONDING DEVICE

Art Unit: 3749

Examiner: Gravini, S. M.

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## RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

16 March 2007

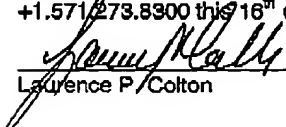
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Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action date 19 October 2006 from  
Examiner Michael S. Gravini of Art Unit 3749.

**Status** is on page 2.**Summary of Fees Due** is on page 3.**Claims Amendments** begin on page 4.**Remarks** begin on page 9.**Exhibit A** is attached after page 15.

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The above-captioned patent application is pending.

Claims 1-23 are pending.

Claim 15 has been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Claims 10-12 have been rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by DE 10119835 to Grunewald (Grunewald '835).

Claim 13 has been rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by US Patent No. 4,236,222 to Hastings (Hastings '222).

Claims 1-9 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over US Patent No. 3,861,865 to Grantham (Grantham '865) in view of US Patent No. 3,747,841 to Ross (Ross '841).

Claims 14-16 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over Hastings '222.

Claims 17-23 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over Hastings '222 in view of US Patent No. 2,720,037 to Erickson (Erickson '037).

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**SUMMARY OF FEES****1. No Excess Claims Fee.**

Applicant has paid for twenty-three (23) total claims and three (3) independent claims. As this Response results in twenty-three (23) total claims and three (3) independent claims, no excess claims fee is due.

**2. Extension of Time.**

A separate two-month Petition for an Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action up to and including 19 March 2007, is enclosed, along with the petition fee of \$550.00 for a large entity.